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HARFORD COUNTY RECEIVES \$450,000 COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD

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Harford County has been announced as the recipient of \$450,000 in funds to be used toward the continued redevelopment effort of the site of the former Washington Court Apartments in Edgewood. The funding comes from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development via Harford County's application to the Community Legacy program. The program provides local governments and nonprofit organizations with competitive grants and loans to help them realize essential community development projects.

Washington Court is a 26 acre tract of land located in the heart of Edgewood. It once served as a military housing complex for the United States Army, but had fallen into a state of disrepair in recent years. Harford County acquired the dilapidated property in 2000.

In 2006, Harford County Executive David R. Craig announced plans for the complete redevelopment of the site. As part of a \$50,000,000 redevelopment effort, a new mixed housing development including affordable senior housing and a variety of new for sale homes will provide a variety of quality housing options for Harford County residents.

"Harford County Community Services is pleased to have the State's support in the redevelopment efforts currently underway at Washington Court," said Harford County Community Services Director Mary F. Chance. "The process of revitalizing this important piece of land is moving forward fueled by the support of both the government and residents of the Edgewood community."

"The proximity of this location to both the Aberdeen Proving Ground area and to the Edgewood MARC train station will help make this redevelopment effort a success," said Harford County Executive David R. Craig. "It also helps fulfill two key initiatives of my administration by providing quality living and economic opportunity in the Edgewood area."

The grant was announced on Thursday, March 13, 2008 by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown.

